

SAFE KEEPING

Scrubjay hangs
around for peanuts.
Thumb flip nut
under teetering branch
where he's perched.
Head jerking nervously
he hops down
balances shell in beak
& flies over fence
into vacant yard
where he tucks
it under dried
clump of lawn.

AN UNRESTRICTED LOVE

Love comes hard for me.
Hard to express
& encompass.
I embrace flesh
eagerly & get the
momentary satisfaction.
Deeper loving often
frightens me
into impotence.
Only my love
for Mother Nature
is unrestricted.
She offers herself
without reservation
& I enter her
totally at ease
adjectives of affection
babbling childlike
from virgin recesses
of my heart.